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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT VELASCO'S HEALTH

REF: LIMA 1707

1. RUMORS THAT PRESIDENT VELASCO IS SERIOUSLY ILL ARE NOW WIDE-SPREAD IN LIMA. THE WEEKEND AND MONDAY PRESS AND RADIO-ARE ABSOLUTELY SILENT, WITH NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM OR DENY REPORTS. EMBASSY HAS REPORT FROM SOURCE CLOSE TO VELASCO FAMILY TO EFFECT THAT VELASCO WAS ADMITTED TO A CLINIC IN PAST FEW DAYS BUT THAT HIS HEALTH IMPROVED AND HE WAS DISCHARGED. VELASCO FAMILY REPORTEDLY FEARS RELAPSE. SOURCE COULD NOT GIVE DETAILS OVER TELEPHONE BUT IMPLIED CLEARLY THAT VELASCO WAS OUT OF DANGER.

2. WHILE KEEPING IN MIND THAT REPORTS OF VELASCO ILLNESS MAY BE EXAGGERATED OR EVEN FALSE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO DISCOVER FACTS AND REPORT THEM PROMPTLY.
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